



**2009 Annual Report
South Dakota Professional Teachers Practices and Standards
Commission**

The Professional Teachers Practices and Standards Commission (Commission) hereby files this report with the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Education (Department).

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of reviewing and when appropriate conducting case hearings regarding complaints against teachers. The Commission may reprimand or recommend a disciplinary action which may be implemented by the appropriate governing body against a member of the teaching profession if the member has been determined by the Commission to have violated the code of ethics established under SDCL 13-43-25. If the Commission determines that proceedings to revoke or suspend the certificate of a teacher should be instituted, the Commission must file a written complaint with the Secretary of the Department.

During calendar year 2009, the Commission met on 12 occasions and reviewed seven complaints against members of the teaching profession. The Commission conducted six contested case hearings which resulted in four complaints to the Secretary of the Department for the revocation of the certificate of teachers. Two hearings resulted in a private reprimand being issued against the teacher. One complaint was dismissed.

Dated: May 27, 2010.

Joseph Harrison, Chairman
Professional Teachers Practices
and Standards Commission